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Reference item 4.
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ALLIED FORCE
LOCAL RESOURCES (SICILIAN) BOARD
c/o H.Q., I.B.S.
APO 542, U. S. Army

Ref. SI/1/B.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE ALLIED FORCE
LOCAL RESOURCES (SICILIAN) BOARD HELD AT NO. 8 VIA FARI, PALERMO
AT 0930 HOURS, 4TH MARCH 1944.

PRESENT:

Chairman
Major General D. A. HAYMAN, C.B., M.C.

Colonel R. STARS	I.B.S.
Colonel A.A. CURRIE	D.D.S.T., No. 1 District
Colonel K.A. LINDSAY	C.E., No. 1 District
Lt. Cdr. R.J. STEPHENS	S.M.O., E. Sicily
Lt. Col. W. R. JORDAN	A.C.C.
Lt. Col. G.P. BOLICK	A.C.C.
Major J. CHAYTON	A.C.C.
Major W.A.H. OSWALD	O.C., R.A.S.C., Palermo
Major R.W. REEVE	Coal Section AFHQ
F/Lt. G.S.Y. FISON	355 Wing Satellite Sector RAF
Lt. H.A. DUDLEY	R.O.B., Palermo USM

In Attendance:

Lt. Col. A.M. STRAINS	Vice Chairman (US)
Lt. Col. A.W.C. MAJOR	Vice Chairman (BR)
Lt. Col. G. SPENGLER	C.4, S.H.A.E.F.
Lt. Col. C. MOLLAT	G.4, S.H.A.E.F.

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Rep AGC informed the meeting that the Chairman's wishes, referred to in para. 1(a) of the minutes of the meeting of 19th February, had now been communicated to the Prefecture in the Island.

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(c) Explosives for Sulphur Mining.

Rep ACC stated that there was a shortage of explosives for mining and blasting purposes in the Island. He was requested to submit a list of explosives requirements in detail to No. 4 District with a view to the possibility of obtaining a supply from this source.

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(a) Cast Steel Anchors.

The plant producing cast steel anchors for R.N. and U.S.N. was reported now in production.

(c) AFHQ, IV. Macchelon Administrative Instruction No. 26

The Chairman directed that that portion of para. 5 in the minutes of the meeting held on 19 Feb 44, which referred to Adv. Adm. Ed. Adm. Instruction No. 26, be cancelled. He expressed the wish that all Committees should examine Adv. Adm. Macchelon Instruction No. 26 with a view to reporting what portions of it should in their opinion be embodied in a similar instruction for the Island of Sicily.

2. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.(a) Labour & Wages Control Committee.

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In this connection the Vice Chairman stated that they had interviewed the Manager of the Palermo Gas Works who had agreed to follow the Board's instructions regarding their by-products when they commenced operation. Rep. Coal Sect. AFHQ stated that coke from this source would come under his control for allocation.

(c) Food Supply Committee.

The Chairman of the Food Supply Committee presented the minutes to the Board.

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UNO Adv. on Sicilian Administrative Instruction No. 26.

Rep ACC stated that a reply had been received from ACC Naples on this Instruction approving its application to the Island of Sicily.

Canning Facilities.

The Chairman enquired whether it would be possible to can a sufficient quantity of vegetables to produce an exportable surplus. Rep. ACC replied that much reduced quantities had been planted recently as a result of the disappearance of the export market and that it would take 7 months to a year before sufficient quantities could be grown to cover such a scheme.

Potatoes.

Para. 3 of these minutes was fully discussed and the Chairman directed that a full investigation be made and a report drawn up with a view to preventing a repetition of the partial disaster which had overtaken the present plantings.

Italian Government Excise Tax.

Reps ACC, IAS, and No. 1 District were instructed to take this matter up with their respective financial advisers and report at the next meeting, this in point of non payment of such excise tax in regard to purchases made by the Service.

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Rep ACC stated that there was a surplus of 2,000,000 hectolitres in Sicily. The Secretariat was instructed to write to the Italian Board and the Government of Malta requesting bids for this wine if the matter was of interest.

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4. ROBERTS AND LAWLESSNESS IN SICILY.

The Chairman stated that the incidence of robbery and lawlessness in general had now reached a high point in the Island, and that there could be no doubt that this was in large measure due to unemployment. There were large quantities of raw materials in the Island and a great number of skilled craftsmen and other workmen at present idle. The Chairman mentioned that he had written a letter to HQ on the Island asking them whether there were not various articles which could be made on this Island of which they themselves were now in short supply, thus creating employment in the Island and saving valuable shipping space.

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5. NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held at 0930 hours on Saturday, 18th March 1944,
at 8 Via Bari, Palermo.

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Joint Secretary (ER)

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ISLAND CO-ORDINATION BOARD
FIFTH MEETING

HOLD AT REGION I HEADQUARTERS A.I.S.
1000 HOURS 4 FEBRUARY 1944

AGENDA:

1. Minutes of previous meeting.
2. Matters arising.
3. Allocation of potato crop.
4. Wheat Officials, Hay and Straw.
5. Food processing.
6. Sulphuric Acid supplies.
7. Functions of Italian ex prisoners of war attached to and working with British Corps of Military Police.
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10. C.I.P.'s functions in new procedure of petrol distribution.
11. Salaries paid to Civil Engineers.
12. Next Meeting.
13. Other Business.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

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2. Lt. Col. Jordan, Legal Division.
3. Lt. Col. E. Snook, Public Safety Division.
4. Lt. J.H. Moffitt, Labor Division.
5. Lt. W.C.V. Hayward, E & S Division, Secretary.

(b) AFHQ, H.C.S.

1. Col. F.H. Morecross, C.D.

(c) No I District

1. Col. A.A. Curry, D.D.S.T.
2. Col. V.A. Lindsay, C.D.
3. Col. S.P. Garrat, A.
4. Lt. Col. G.R.G. Hert, Provost Services.

(d) Island Base Section

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(e) Naval Operating Base

1. Lieut. Dudley, Legal Officer.

In the absence of Lt. Col. Charles Poletti, the chair was taken by Major Chayton, Vice Chairman, at 1000 hours.

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1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

2. Matters Arising.

In connection with the unauthorized wearing of Allied uniforms the Chairman explained that the necessary encouragement had been made in the three Sicilian newspapers indicating that it was not only an offence against the Proclamations to wear items of military equipment but, in fact, to be in possession of them.

3. Allocation of Potato Crop.

The chairman pointed out that the question of the allocation of the potato crop was included in the next agenda of the Allied Forces Local Resources (Sicily) Board, Food Committee.

4. Wheat Offals, Hay and Straw.

Captain Baton stated that I.B.S. were not interested in these commodities. Col. Curry reported that No I District had 1200 mules to feed and it was the Army practice to receive tenders for the supply of these foods except in the case of barley and that this practice must be followed. If the supply of wheat offals is good No I District are prepared to take all that is available at 200 lire per quintal. A sample was produced at the conclusion of the meeting.

5. Food Processing.

The chairman referred to 15,000 tins of sardines already manufactured at Trapani. Col. Curry stated that he considered it was a matter for the A.F.L.R. (S) Board to decide upon. The Army could not accept the sardines until their experts were satisfied with the pack and with the conditions under which they had been manufactured.

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Col. Garrett explained that No I District are short of Military Police and they have been using ex Prisoners of War as Police to work with the British U.I.F.s. It was anticipated that occasions might arise when it would become necessary for these additional police to arrest civilians. Prosecutions would however be conducted by the C.M.P. No I District had received a letter from A.M.S. Catania suggesting that the ex Prisoners of War were usurping the functions of the Carabinieri but Col. Garrett emphasized that this was not the intention. Col. Hart stated that they had been distributed as an addition to the strength of the Military Police and had been sworn in merely to give them power of arrest.

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13. Col. Snook replied that there was no objection to this course providing they were no insignia suggesting that they were members of the Carabinieri and that their activities were military in character. He pointed out that when the anticipated change in administration took place it was probable that a new aspect would arise and the question of the status of these police would have to be considered.

8. Unauthorized Permits by Junior AMG Officials.

Col. Garratt referred to a number of cases where motor cars without licences had been stopped by the Military and the driver had produced a written permit by a Junior A.G. official authorizing the use of the vehicle. The chairman replied that this might have been done in cases of emergency but it was not the usual practice. Lt. Col. Snook informed the Board that instructions had been issued to the Carabinieri and the Questas for all vehicles without licences to be requisitioned irrespective of the owner. This would provide a number of vehicles currently needed by the police and would, it was hoped, considerably reduce the number of persons using motor fuel. Cars refused licences would be similarly taken, irrespective of condition and it was considered that this procedure would check the black market in motor car spare parts.

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10. Functions of C.I.P.

Col. Curry referred to the newly formed Comitato Italiano Petrolo which was now dealing with the whole of the distribution of petroleum products for civilian requirements in Sicily. He suggested that a certain amount of help would be necessary in the first instance from A.G.C., I.A.C. and the District and the Board agreed that this would be given but confined to an advisory nature.

11. Salaries paid to Civil Engineers.

Col. Lindsay referred to the small salaries paid to Civil Engineers and the fact that in many instances they were getting little more than laborers working on the roads. He suggested that this state of affairs was detrimental to efficiency and should be remedied.

It. Offitt replied that no rates had been fixed for the types of cases mentioned. Senior Officials of A.M.S.B. were also affected.

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ISLAND RESOURCE BOARD FOURTH MEETING

1000 HOURS 7 JANUARY 1944

AGENDA

1. Minutes of previous meetings.
2. Matters arising.
3. Necessity for continuance of Island Resources Board.
4. Transport for Civilian Contractors working for Army.
5. Supply of Litter.
6. Control of Civilian transport and petrol.
7. Unauthorized wearing of Allied Uniforms.
8. Carrying of arms by Civilians.
9. Availability of forage for Army remounts.
10. Purchase of Fish and eggs etc. by military.
11. Points arising from AFHQ Administrative Memo No 95.
12. Next meeting.
13. Other business.

ORGANISATION OF MEETING

(a) A.M. Session 10.00

1. Major J. Chryton, - I B Division, Vice-Chairman.
2. Lt. Colonel E.A. Bolick, F.C.U.I. I B Division.
3. Lt. Colonel R. Snook, Public Safety Division.
4. Captain C.E. Ward, F.C.U.I. I B Division.
5. Captain A. Kempel, Labor Division.
6. Lt. F.C.V. Hayward, - I S Division, Secretary.

(b) P.M. Session 2.00

Lt. Commander C.E. Darlington, USMA, Industry & Commerce.

(c) A.M. Session 10.00

1. Colonel A.A. Curry, D.D.S.I.
2. Colonel Lindsay, C.I.
3. Colonel S.F. Garriat, A.
4. Lt. Colonel Hazzledine, R.

(d) Western Steely Naval Base.

Lt. Commander L. Stephens.

(e) Island Base Section

1. Lt. Col. D.W. Reuter, Base Purchasing Agent.
2. Major M.L. Alsin, Engineer.
3. Capt. J.D. McGuire, Utilities.

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2. Supply of food.
3. Necessity for continuance of Island Resources Record.
4. Transport for Civilian Contractors working for Army.
5. Supply of clothing.
6. Control of Civilian transport and petrol.
7. Unauthorized wearing of Allied Uniforms.
8. Carrying of Arms by Civilians.
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OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

(a) A.C. Region I M.

1. Major J. Chayton, - C S Division, Vice-Chairman.
2. Lt. Colonel L.L. Dolick, I.C.U.I.C.M. Division.
3. Lt. Colonel R. Snook, Public Safety Division.
4. Captain C.A. - inard, I.C.U.I.C.M. Division.
5. Captain A. Sempel, Labor Division.
6. Lt. P.C.V. Hayward, - S Division, Secretary.

(b) A.C. H-BOATERS

Lt. Commander C.E. Darlington, USNR, Industry Committee.

(c) R.I. DISTRICT

1. Colonel A.A. Garry, D.D.S.I.
2. Colonel Lindsay, C.-.
3. Colonel S.I. Garrat, A.
4. Lt. Colonel Hazledine, R.-.

(d) Eastern Weekly Naval Base,

Lt. Commander R.-. Stephens.

(e) Island Base Section

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2. Major L.I. Alcin, Engineer.
3. Capt. J.D. McGuire, Utilities.
4. Capt. F.I. -aton, Base Purchasing.

1. Minutes of previous meeting.

(a) In the absence of Lt. Col. Charles Tolatti the chair was taken by Major J. Chayton, Vice Chairman at 1000 hours.

(b) The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.

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(a) Sulphuric acid.

The chairman raised the question as to whether any further action was required from A.F.S. by No I District following on the sample sent for testing. Lt. Col. Hazledine replied that the result of the test was not yet known. He would inform A.F.S. if the supplies of acid available in Palermo were required by them.

(b) Frozen materials.

The chairman pointed out that the revised list of frozen materials promised by I.P.S. and No I District had not been received. It was agreed that this was now a matter for the Allied Forces Local Resources (Sicily) Board.

3. Transport for Civilian Contractors working for Army.

Colonel Neuter stated that this matter was raised by Colonel Dicks who was not present and he had instructions to allow the item to lapse.

4. Bitumen.

Colonel Lindsay stated that all locally produced bitumen would be available for roads but that no imported bitumen would be permitted to be used for this purpose. Bitumen would be required for locally used bitumen would all be required for road & air work and this assurance was given by Lt. Col. Dolick.

5. Control of Civilian transport and petrol.

Colonel Carrat pointed out that there was considerable mis-use of petrol and that there were too many civilian vehicles on the road. Licences were issued to very wide categories of persons and the conditions for the use of the vehicles were not sufficiently precise. Specific instances were submitted by Col. Carrat where investigations had been made by No I District and the chairman promised that enquiries would be made. Cases submitted. It was also agreed that more specific instructions would be issued as to interpretation of schedule "A" of AFM, Administrative Instruction No 12 so that licences would only be issued in essential cases and for specific purposes.

6. Unauthorized wearing of Allied Uniforms.

Colonel Curry stated that increasing numbers of civilians were appearing in the streets wearing parts of Allied Military Uniforms. The chairman pointed out that the responsibility in the first instance laid with the Armed Forces. It was, however, agreed that action should be taken to inform the civilian population that it was an offence to be in possession of any issued military equipment.

7. Carrying of Arms by Civilians.

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3. Transport for Civilian Contractors Working for Army.

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4. Bitumen.

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7. Carrying of Arms by Civilians.

Colonel Garrett stated that when a number of houses were searched in No I District instances occurred when arms were discovered. He asked for information as to who was authorized to carry arms among the civilian population.

Lt. Col. Snook replied that outside of Cairo, Britain only very restricted classes of persons were allowed to carry firearms, such as bank employees, post office officials and farmers in isolated areas. Permission to carry the arms

was however only issued after careful study.

• Board.

The chairman pointed out that this was an indication for the A.I.L.D. but Colonel Curry indicated that there was no objection and that action should be taken by the Board. It was particularly interested in straw and hay. The chairman stated that there was little likelihood of hay being available but was probable he would be able to obtain information where supplies of straw could be found and provided to take action with this in view. He also said that an instruction had been issued for the restriction for Army purposes of all off the from the killing of imported wheat and said that they would be available at 200 lbs per quintal ex mill. Colonel Curry stated that he would be pleased to take all such supplies as became available.

9. Purchase of Fish, Eggs, etc., by A.I.L.D.

Colonel Curry stated that in his opinion the War was opportune for the removal of the existing restrictions which prohibited the purchase by the Army of such food as fish, eggs and poultry. It was agreed that these restrictions should now be removed.

10. A.I.L.D. Administrative Memorandum No. 25.

The chairman stated that this memorandum had not been received by A.G. and Colonel Curry supplied a copy for A.G. It was agreed to discuss this matter on the following evening.

11. Necessity for Continuance of Island Source Board.

The question of how far the A.I.L.D. supply this Board was discussed. It was generally agreed that there was still a need for the existence of this Board although its scope would be reduced. It was agreed that the new Board should be referred to the Island Co-ordination Board.

12. Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Island Co-ordination Board will be on Friday, 4 February 1944 at 1000 hours at H.Q. I Headquarters.

13. Other Business.

It. Commander Stephens said that the C.I.C. Director had required 60 tons of coal for and 10 tons of oil. Colonel Pollock said that some supplies of coal might be available from a small gas plant at Wrentham and enquiries would be made by A.G. to see if such stocks were available. Colonel Curry stated that

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10. K. C. Frick, *Journal of Polymer Science*, **55**, 1 (1962).

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11. Necessity for Continuance of Island's Sound Board.

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12. *Revisiting.*

The next meeting of the Island Co-ordination Board will be on Friday, 4 February 1944 at 1000 hours at 110, Bowdoin Street, Boston.

15. Other: During 98.

10. Captain Anderson.
Lt. Commander Stephens said that the C.I.C. requirements required 10 tons of coal per and 10 tons of oil per. He said that some supplies of coal that might be available in the area that are abundant and inquiries would be made by the C.I.C. to see if such stocks were available. Colonel Curry stated that he would deal with the question of the lift. Lt. Commander Anderson asked that information in this matter should be furnished to the Pulling Officer, Captain Cicely Level Esq.,

14. ENCL Pot. to CG.

Colonel Curry asked for information on a road to a and the chairman gave figures of arrivals and stated that the crop would be expected to come in towards the end of the year.

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1st Lieutenant,
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ISLAND RESOURCES BOARD

THIRD MEETING

Held at Region I Headquarters, A.C.

1000 HOURS 3 Dec 1943

AGENDA

1. Minutes of previous meetings.
2. Matters arising.
3. Allocations Sub-Committee Report.
4. Sulphuric Acid.
5. Frozen Materials - Revision of List.
6. Purchase of Civilian Soap by Army.
7. Additional Nations for Civilians employed by A.R.
8. Responsibility for Acceptance and Distribution of Coal.
9. Stocks of Flour and Fishoil.
10. Savings of Seed Potatoes.
11. Names for electricity workers.
12. Imports of engineering stores for use Civilians such as
Bismuth and Cement bags.
13. Building licences enforcement of freezing order.
14. Next meeting.
15. Other Business.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

(a) A.C. REGION I HEADQUARTERS:

1. Major J. Chayton, L & S Divisions, Chairman.
2. Lt. Col. T.A. Elick, F.O.C.F.A. Division.
3. Capt. Arnold Kempel, Labour Division.
4. Lt. C.F. Pike, -; C.S. Division, Deputy Secretary.
5. Lt. F. Hayward, L & S. Division, Secretary.

(b) A.C. - A.C.C. HEADQUARTERS

1. Lt. Col. C.J. Hayes, Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission.
2. Capt. A.S. Farrar, Communications.
3. 1st Lt. George L. Hart, Shipping Sub-Commission, AGO.

(c) NO 1 DISTRICT

1. Colonel Gurry, D.D.C.F.
2. Lt. Col. Hazeldine, C.S.
3. Lt. Col. A.C. Mossey, Ordnance Section.
4. Lt. Col. F.I. Mosker, A.S.F.C.
5. Lt. Col. Philips, Quarters.

(d) ISLAND MILITARY - C.A.I. H:

2. Letters arising.
3. Allocations Sub-Committee Report.
4. Sulphuric Acid.
5. Frozen Materials - Revision of List.
6. Purchase of Civilian Coal by Army.
7. Additional Actions for Civilians - Ployed by Mr Y.
8. Responsibility for Acceptance and Distribution of Coal.
9. Stocks of Flour and Rice.
10. Sowing of Seed Potatoes.
11. Wages for Electricity Workers.
12. Imports of Engineering Stores for use Civilians such as
Machines and Cement Bags.
13. Licensing Licences enforcement of freezing order.
14. Hertz Acting.
15. Other Business.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

(a) A. C. ROBIN I AND OTHERS:

1. Major J. Clayton, L. A. S. Division, Chairman.
2. Lt. Col. F. A. Kelick, T.C.O.F.S. Division.
3. Capt. Arnold Kempel, Labour Division.
4. Lt. G. T. Pike, L. A. S. Division, Deputy Secretary.
5. Lt. E. Hayward, L. A. S. Division, Secretary.

(b) A. C. L. C. C. HEADQUARTERS

1. Lt. Col. C. J. Hayes, Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission.
2. Capt. A. S. Barrar, Communications.
3. 1st Lt. George L. Hart, Shipping Sub-Commission, LCC.

(c) 10 I DISTRICT

1. Colonel Curry, D.D.S.T.
2. Lt. Col. Hazeldine, C.M.
3. Lt. Col. M. B. Toisey, Ordnance Section.
4. Lt. Col. F. I. Monks, A.C.M.C.
5. Lt. Col. Phillips, Quarters.

(d) TOWN AND COUNTRY

1. Lt. Col. R. W. Reuter, Base Purchasing Agent.
2. Lt. Col. John L. Dicks, C-4.
3. Lt. Col. M. F. Barnes, Transportation Section.
4. Lt. Col. C. J. Sullivan, Engineer.
5. Major M. E. Alsin,
6. Lt. J. D. Pearce, Utilities.
7. Lt. J. C. Hoffmann, Base Purchasing.

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1. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

(a) In the absence of Lt. Col. Poletti, the Chair was taken by Major J. Clayton, Vice Chairman, at 1000 hrs.

(b) The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and approved.

2. Matters Arising.

(a) Capt. Zempel reported that General Order No. 14 provided for a temporary wage adjustment had been issued since the last meeting of I.D.B. This Order provided for salary increases to all Government employees according to a schedule in the Order and transfered to private employees to increase wages in accordance with this schedule.

(b) Colonel Curry insisted that action should be taken immediately by newspapers notices to inform the public that the ration of Army petrol Containers was an offence, and that a definite date would be fixed in the notices by which such containers must be returned. It was agreed that action on these lines would be taken immediately.

(c) On the question of fixing the prices set on local products the difficulty of obtaining fodder supplies was again raised. This was stated to be due to the fact that proper prices were not fixed. The Chairman pointed out that fixing a price below the existing exorbitant levels would only have the effect of reducing the supplies disappearing. The issue of the price schedule without the means of enforcing it was valueless. No action was decided upon. It was explained that the removal of fresh fruit and vegetables from maximum price schedules had presented some difficulty. The gradual handing over of executive power to Italians had given them price fixing powers. The possibility of carrying out the recommendation was still being considered.

(d) A discussion was held on the value of retaining the Allotments Sub-Committee. The Chairman pointed out that the first occasion in which the Sub-Committee was asked to take action was on an application by No. I District for 10 tons of Calcium Carbide. I.D.B. had control of approximately 200 tons, but Lt. Col. Smullen explained that he was not disposed to release any part of these supplies to No. I District without the authority of H.M.G. Such authority could be obtained by No. I District through normal Army channels. It was agreed after considerable discussion that in these circumstances the Sub-Committee could serve no useful purpose and it was therefore decided to terminate its existence.

(e) Supplementary Rations for Civilian employees. This question was raised by Col. Dickie, who stated that additional rations allowed by I.D.B. to electrical workers would close as at 5 pm. 5300 take responsibility. (The ration allowed by I.D.B. is 700 grams per head, and two principles were eventually established.)

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(e) Supplementary Rations for Civilian employees. This question was raised by Col. Dicks, who states that additional rations allowed by IDS to electrical workers would close as soon as it is possible to take responsibility. (The ration allowed by IDS is 700 grams per head.) A lengthy discussion ensued and two principles were eventually established.

1. That heavy workers paid by the Army should be allowed an additional ration of bread.
2. That such additional rations should be uniform throughout the Island.

Col. Curry proposed that the Local Basic Ration plus 100 grams should be accepted provided that the total issue should not fall below 250 grams. It was suggested that the new ration issue should come in to force on Monday 6 December 1943, Col. Dicks agreed to approach I.W.F. with a view to preparing those affected by the change. At this juncture

Col. Poletti joined the meeting, and after hearing the facts as explained above he opposed the extension of the issue of supplementary rations to civilians not working for the Army. He suggested a modification in that civilians on heavy work, employed by the Army only, should receive 100 grams over local ration, but not with a minimum of 250 grams. This modification was accepted by the meeting.

(f) It was decided that IBS and No I District should confer on transportation problems. The Cerbini bridge was specially referred to, as this bridge will be unserviceable for at least 40 more days.

2. Allocations. Sub-Committee Report.

The Chairman reported that some difficulty had been encountered in obtaining 10 tons of Carbide from No I District as it was frozen by IBS who had not released it. Lt. Col. Smullen replied that 35 tons of Carbide had been set aside for civilian use and the remainder they had frozen on the order of AMQ Adv. Echelon. They were unable to release the Carbide without permission from higher authority.

3. Sulphuric acid.

The Chairman reported that A. G. had discovered a small quantity of Sulphuric acid which would be available for No I District but could give no further details. It was agreed that a sample would be sent, as soon as possible, to No I District for testing.

5. Frozen materials - Revision of list.

No I District and IBS agreed to submit a revised list of material to be frozen and the quantities required.

6. Purchase of Civilian Soap by Army.

No I District stated that they require 10 tons a month from civilian sources for use by the Italian Army but will not press their demands if the supply is small.

7. Additional Rations for Civilians employed by Army.

Lt. Col. Smullen again brought up the question of extra bread ration given to electrical workers. This he said was done to avert a strike. He mentioned that General Patton had drawn attention to the importance of electricity, the continued supply of and the consequences of any stoppage in supply. Lt. Col. Smullen pointed out that if the extra bread ration was suddenly discontinued by the Army it would undoubtedly cause considerable trouble.

8. Responsibility for Locusts and Distribution of Coal.

Col. Curry stated that No I District were now responsible for the acceptance and distribution of coal and asked to be supplied with details of the actual minimum requirements of coal on the Island, this to include railways. He pointed out the need to reduce the requirements to a minimum to save shipping. IBS and IAC agreed to in-

4. Allocations, Sub-Committee Report.

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10. Stocks of Flour and Biscuits.

Col. Curry indicated that the demands on No I District for biscuits for civilian consumption would not be met except in case of extreme emergency.

11. Sorting of Seed Potatoes.

The Chairman reported that the machinery for distribution of imported seed potatoes was not working and running a costly.

11. Vages for Electricity Workers.

Capt. Mepel reported that the Società Generale Elettrica della Sicilia had agreed to increase the wages of its employees to the full amount permissible under General Order No 14.

Payments of the increases had not been made to workers as yet, as the company was in the process of making the necessary calculations.

12. Imports of Engineering Stores for Civilian use such as Bitumen and Cement.

It was agreed that bitumen required for roads would not be imported and that the sources of supply on the Island, such as the Ragusa vines should be exploited.

A/C reported that they were already engaged in finding material which would enable the lines to continue and increase production of this commodity.

13. Building Licences enforcement of freezing order.

No I District reported that lumber required for the work was being used for civilian work and suggested that its use should be controlled by the issue of licences. It was pointed out by the chair on that all known stocks of building lumber were frozen and that it was impossible to take any action to safeguard stocks of which the existence was known.

14. Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Friday the 7th of January 1944 at 1000 hours at A/C Legion I Headquarters, Palermo.

15. Other business.

It was agreed that items for the Agenda would be forwarded to the secretary to reach him 14 days before the next meeting.

14 December 1943.

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MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF WESTERN SICILY
RESOURCES BOARD
HELD AT AMGOT HQ, 9 OCTOBER, 1943.

Present: Col. J. F. Zellars, AMGOT Chairman.
Lt. H.A. Dudley, M. O. B.
Lt. G. P. Fite, AMGOT Secretary.

1. Lt. Dudley raised the question of 1,600 Sicilian employees in the Navy yards who were unable to procure rations during working hours.

It was agreed between Col. Zellars and Lt. Dudley that a local AMGOT agency should disperse rations in the Navy yard to these employees. The Navy agreed not to supply any rations during working hours.

Col. Zellars agreed that AMGOT should make available tickets which will allow (Sicilian) Navy employees to purchase shoes.

All this to be handled through local AMGOT Agencies.

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J. F. Zellars
JOHN T. ZELLARS
Colonel, Infantry,
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ISLAND RESOURCES BOARD

1st Regular Meeting -- 1 October, 1943, AMCOT Headquarters, Palermo --
1100 hours.

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Report of Highways and Railroads Committee.
2. Interim report on wages for civilian labor by Labor Officer, AMCOT.
3. Electric power for Messina.
4. Coal supply and allocations.
5. Items to be controlled for eventual military requirements.
6. Purchase of foodstuffs by military messes.
7. Other business.

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ISLAND RESOURCES BOARD

Minutes of Preliminary Meeting 25 Sept. 1943.

1. Agenda.

- a. Appointment of Chairman.
- b. Appointment of Secretary.
- c. Constitution of the Board.
- d. Matters to be covered by the Board.
- e. Setting-up of committees.
- f. Dates of Meetings and Reports of Committees.
- g. Any other business.

2. Officers in attendance.

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- (3) Lt. Col. C. J. Hayes, R. A. S. G., Deputy Director, Civilian Supply & Resources.
- (4) Lt. Col. L. D. Densmore, S. G., Chief, Transportation, Communications, and Utilities Division.
- (5) Lt. Cdr. Frank A. Southard, Jr., U. S. N. R. (AMFA).
- (6) Capt. W. L. Batt, Jr., Acting Secretary.

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 - (5) 1st Lt. Joseph D. McGuire, Utilities Engineering Section.
- ### e. Naval Operating Base.

- (1) Lt. Henry A. Dudley, Jr., Legal Department.

3. Meeting was called to order by the G. C. A. O.

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4. G. C. C., No. 1 District agreed to see the British Navy concerning the possibility of its being represented on the Board.
5. It was agreed that Eastern and Western Resources Boards will bring all matters of Island interest to the Board's attention.
6. It was agreed that the Head of AMGOT in Sicily or his Deputy preside at meetings of the Island Board, and that AMGOT, Sicily should provide a Secretary for the Board.
7. It was agreed that meetings should be held once monthly on the first Friday of each month. Next meeting will be held on Friday, Oct. 1 at AMGOT HQ., Palermo, at 100 hours.
8. It was agreed that Lt. Col. Densmore meet with the Engineer representatives of I. B. S. and No. 1 District after this meeting to establish priorities on reconstruction work on roads, bridges, and railroads.
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16. The Secretary was directed to prepare agenda for the next meeting after consultation with the Labor and Roads Committees, and submit it to the agencies concerned.

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